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Dear Parent or Child Care Partner:

The Department of Early Learning (DEL) is sending you this letter to let you know that we have proposed new rules about background checks and review hearings and we would like your input.

We perform background checks on licensed child care providers and all assistants working in licensed child care facilities. The new rules we are proposing are on our website:

<http://www.del.wa.gov/ccel/policy.shtml>

We also offer review hearings to licensed child care providers who have had licenses revoked or suspended. The proposed rules about review hearings are on our website:

<http://www.del.wa.gov/ccel/policy.shtml>

The Washington Legislature and Governor Gregoire created the Department of Early Learning in July 2006 with recognition that parents are a child's most important teacher and decision maker. With that in mind, we partner with parents and all other child care partners as we develop and change rules about licensed child care.

During the first week of November 2006 we will post a notice on our website about where and when you can attend public meetings to give input on these proposed rules. You will also find an email address at the website that will allow you to offer your input to us by email.

We value the input of parents and our child care partners and look forward to hearing back from you with questions or concerns about these proposed rules.

Sincerely,

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